

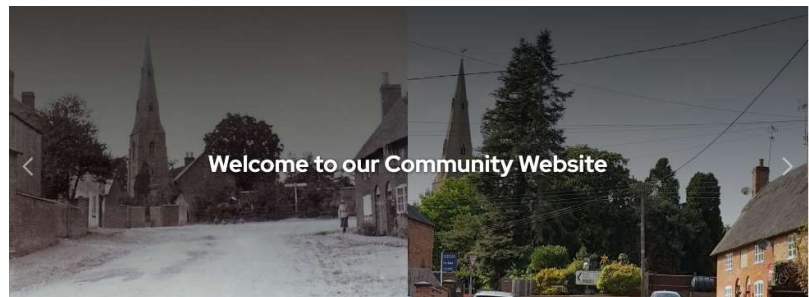
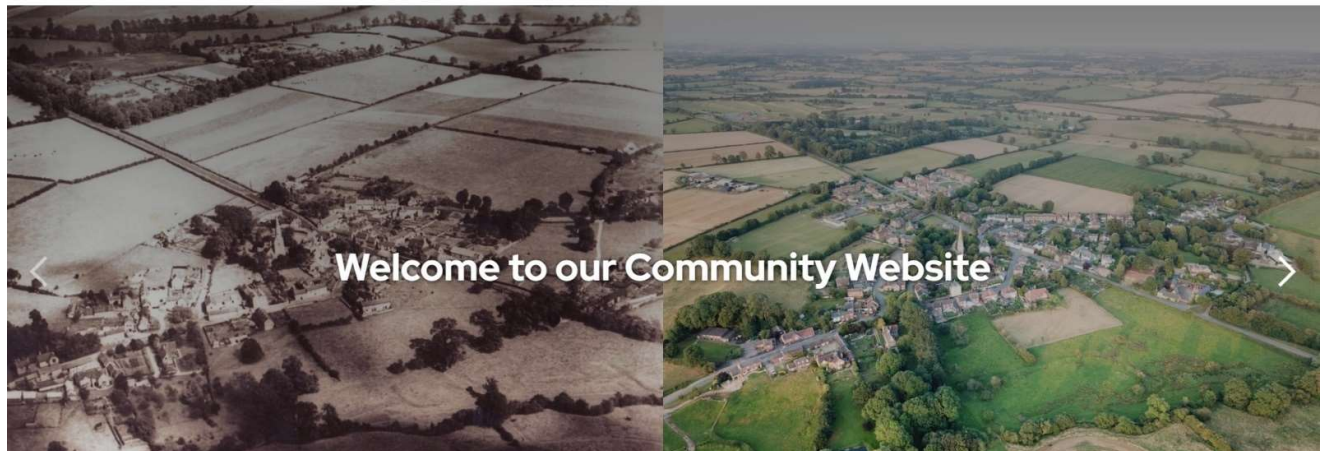
South Kilworth News

November 2021 online edition



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<https://www.southkilworth.co.uk>

From the Editorial Team

Our front cover features the revamped South Kilworth Website. Well done to those involved! We look forward to the additional scope, reach and access that this medium offers our readers.

Articles and snippets of news from all residents are welcome. Please send these to the new e-mail address The SK News continues in hard copy and is printed every 2 months and the **deadline for the January edition is 10 December 2021**.

We also have a new email address: sknews@southkilworth.co.uk. Please use this in the future.

News that does not coincide with the printed SK News edition will be uploaded directly to the South Kilworth Website.

As we will only be in print again next year, may we take this opportunity to wish you a very Merry and Blessed Christmas.



The new South Kilworth Village website is now live!

Under the watchful guidance of Kevin Coyne, the Parish Council, and with the

efforts of Graham Barr, we have a lovely new Web presence.

Kevin says that the site intends to provide our community with lively, informative, and interesting reading that links with and complements our village newspaper and local social media.

There's a **News Section**, a **What's On This Week** section, a **Notice Board** of 'Recent' and 'Coming Soon' events, plus a local directory, village information, and pages for all the community groups and clubs in the village to post their news.

The Village History, the Church, and the Village Hall are all featured together with plenty of photos, old and new, to browse.

The Parish Council are required to make all their meetings, agendas, expenditure, and plans available to residents to view. These are included in extensive records of the PC's activities going back many years.

And of course, all available editions of the South Kilworth News are filed on the site together with the latest edition.

This is the website for the community, so needs your input. If you have any relevant news items or photos that might be interesting, please use the 'Contact Us' link to send them.

Rural Strategy Development
Harborough District Council

DISTRICT OF HARBOROUGH

The Rural Community Council are undertaking a Rural Strategy project to look at the needs and service gaps of Harborough District Councils **rural communities**. This will include key rural & community issues, economic development, connectivity & broadband, housing and the impact of Covid-19 as well as recovery needs going forward to improve isolation and social hardship

We will be looking to engage and consult with many areas across the district including :-

- Farming Community
- Tourism & Hospitality
- Local Retail
- Other Rural Small/Medium enterprises
- Community

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Keep an eye out for dates for our local roadshow events — come along and tell us what you really think!

South Kilworth Directory

Name	Contact details	Description
Allotment Committee	Michael Langman 078110111854	For the green-fingered aspirants
Art Club	Gail Wood 575064	Village Hall: First Thursday morning of the month
Bowls Club	Gerry Byrne 01858 575080	gerrypatrickbyrne@gmail.com keithrickhuss@gmail.com
Kids football	Brian Robbins 07795105591	On the village hall playing fields
Kilworth Village Facebook page	https://www.facebook.com/groups/1052827924913620/?ref=share	Digital news and more
Korks (ladies only)	Contact via SK News email to be added to WhatsApp group	A social group from the Village, which meets monthly. Add your name to the mailing list.
Luncheon Club	Rita Hallam 575449	
Lutterworth Library	www.leicestershire.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/libraries/find-a-library/lutterworth-library	Use the free digital library services to download eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines eNewspapers using a smartphone, tablet, Mac or PC
Parish Council	Parish Clerk: Karen Brown southkilworthpc@hotmail.co.uk	Meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:15 pm Chair: Phil Alcock 575978 philalcock@aol.com
SK Security WhatsApp group	Gary Aram 07799894207 Kate Millington 07990504734 Graham Rutter 07721442561	Alerts regarding security issues in the village are posted with a link to Community Police
Skittles Team	Ray Dorman 07780846002	Games take place at the pub
South Kilworth Neighbourhood Plan	Tina Morley: tina.morley@virgin.net	Join one of the groups covered in the Neighbourhood Plan. www.harborough.gov.uk/directory_record/2256/south_kilworth_neighbourhood_plan
South Kilworth News	sknews@southkilworth.co.uk	Community news for the village – contact us with ideas & news.
South Kilworth Village Website	southkilworth.co.uk	Kevin Coyne/Parish Council
St Nicholas Church	Sharon March (Minister): 07889 88038 https://www.avonswift.co.uk/ https://www.facebook.com/avonswiftbenefice	Administrator: Karen Morgan: 01858 882032 PCC Secretary Joanna Wilson: 01455 558 372 Email Joanna.wilson17@btinternet.com
Table Tennis	Bob Morley 575832 bobjmorley1953@gmail.com	Thursday evening in the village hall
Travelling lunch club	Alison Anderton: 0870 240 6993	Lutterworth Age Concern currently has two travelling lunch clubs, travelling to a different pub each month.
Village Email circulation list	southkilworthlist@gmail.com	Send an email to become a member of this list - Note it is a postbox and so doesn't reply! If you send something through for circulation, please put contact details on the email. Email addresses are never shared and cannot be used for commercial purposes.
Village Hall Committee	Chair Mark Tottman: 575476	Village Hall bookings contact: Gail on woodgail11@icloud.com or 575064
Women's Institute	Joanna Wilson 01455 558372	Combined with North Kilworth. 3 rd Thursday of each month at Belgrave Village Hall, North Kilworth at 7. 30 p.m.
Youth Club	Mel Gould (Project Manager) Kate – local worker 07502365379	In the village hall every Wednesday evening

South Kilworth Pop-up Café

Our first pop-up café took place on 21 September in the Village Hall and was attended by over 50 villagers of all ages, (except those at school) between 10:30 am and 1 pm. The most delicious sweet and savoury treats were kindly donated by fellow villagers and included gluten-free and vegan varieties too. For residents that are housebound, some 'goodie-bags' were delivered after the event.



Following the positive feedback received, a second pop-up café was held on 19 October 2021 and about 30 villagers attended. Thank you to all that attended, baked, and helped in any way.

A successful grant application made to Leicestershire County Council on behalf of the Parish Council has meant that the pop-up café can be run free of charge for a 4-month trial period. The aim is that if villagers enjoy the pop-up café experience, it eventually becomes self-funding, via donations. Appropriate Covid precautions have been instituted.

Tina Morley

Please diarise the next Pop-up Café dates: 16 November and 14 December. We hope to see you there!



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News from the Avon Swift Group of Churches

October was a busy month in the Diocese with many people being welcomed into active ministry. Five ordination services were held in October, with 25 people being ordained as deacons or priests, each one serving in a local parish context. Locally, Rev Stephen March is serving in the Hexagon Benefice (Husband's Bosworth area) as well as continuing his pioneering ministry in the Avon Swift Team.



On Saturday 9 October the annual 'Called Together' service took place at Leicester Cathedral. There were eight people newly licensed as Readers and two as Associate Ministers. There were also six Readers and one Pastoral Assistant who were licensed in January via Zoom and were present in the cathedral to be prayed for by the Bishop and receive their symbols of ministry. During the service, our Pioneer, Sharon March, was interviewed by Rev Liz Rawlings, Discipleship and Vocations Enabler, about her role in the training of lay ministers in the diocese.

Exciting news too about our new diocesan structure! The Diocese of Leicester Synod has voted in favour of a 'Minster Community' (MC for short) framework. A Minster Community will be a "group of parishes" who work together to collaborate in mission without losing their individual identity, and who work alongside their church schools, fresh expressions of Church, chaplaincies, etc.

For each local MC of between 12 and 16 churches, there will be a leadership team of at least four people, including lay and ordained roles. Each MC will be led by an Oversight Minister who is ordained. One of the team will be a 'Growing Faith' focussed minister, either lay or ordained, to increase inclusion of children and young people within the ministry of our churches and fresh expressions. As well as the Oversight Minister, the leadership teams will comprise at least (but not limited to depending on resources) three other stipendiary posts.

The framework was overwhelmingly supported (72%) by Synod and it is intended it will gradually be brought into place by 2026, depending on discussions between parishes, schools and fresh expressions working together to decide what their local leadership will be.



Please see the **AVON SWIFT SERVICE ROTA NOVEMBER 2021** on the SK Website:
www.southkilworth.co.uk

ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH - FORTHCOMING SERVICES

13th November 2021 at 10.45 a.m. Service of Remembrance
28th November 2021 at 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion
12th December 2021 at 4.00 p.m. Christingle Service
24th December 2021 at 5.00 p.m. Carol Service (now cancelled)
25th December 2021 at 10.00 a.m. Christmas Day Service

All are welcome.

South Kilworth Snippets

See the Village's First World War Memorial Clock

Here's a one-off chance to go up the South Kilworth church tower to see the village's first world war memorial clock and check out the superb view. The church itself is beautiful and over 900 years old.

On Saturday 13th November, the day before Remembrance Sunday, you can take a guided tour up the church spire and climb the stairs to the best view of the surrounding countryside for miles. If you are interested, send an email to: southkilworthpc@hotmail.co.uk and we will get back to you with available times.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Many thanks to everyone who contributed in any way to our very successful coffee morning on 24th September at North Kilworth village hall.

We raised £1056.00 for this excellent cause. It was a delight to see many familiar faces and friends who came to support us. The hall seemed very hectic and busy so with that in mind we hope to hold future coffee mornings for Macmillan in South Kilworth village hall. The team hope to see you all there next year.

Liz Sanders



Women's Institute – meet at North Kilworth

New members always welcome - just come along to meet us all in the first instance. We usually meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month, at 7:30pm in the North Kilworth Village Hall on Church Street (Car Park at the rear). We try to start on time, with the speaker first on, so don't be late- you might miss the introduction! There's always tea, coffee and biscuits too.

Past programmes:

- Murder & Mayhem - local best-selling crime novelist Jane Isaac
- Crystal Healing- Pamela Lenthall explains all

November 18th - AGM and Faith Supper
December 9th - Christmas Party

If you would like any more information, please contact our President Gaye Duncombe 01858 880650 or email duncombe1@gmail.com

Next year is our 100th Anniversary.

In Memory

It was with tremendous sadness that we learnt of the death of Sam Lloyd. He and his beloved wife Althea have lived in the village for many years. He was a tremendous support of village life and had been Church Warden for most of that time. A man with a wicked sense of humour, a very modest man but with many talents. If you didn't know him personally you may have seen him taking a very small terrier around the village at rather a brisk pace. (More of a case of the terrier taking him!)

The funeral was held here in South Kilworth earlier in September but there will be a Memorial Service at a later date.

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DRAFT MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING FOR SOUTH KILWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Tuesday, 12th October 2021, 7.15p.m.

Minutes Ref: 809/1021

1.0 TO CONFIRM MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr P Alcock (PA) - Chairman
Cllr G Byrne (GB)
Cllr T Wood (TW)

Mrs K Brown (KB) – Clerk

2.0 TO RECEIVE ANY APOLOGIES

Cllr M Darnell (MD)
Cllr P Alcock (PA)

3.0 DISCLOSURE OF ANY MEMBER'S INTEREST/S

None

4.0 TO CONFIRM OTHER ATTENDEES

Four parishioners in attendance.

5.0 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING OF COUNCIL, HELD ON 14th SEPT'21

These minutes were confirmed to be a true record of matters discussed, and decisions reached, by the Parish Council.

6.0 PLANNING MATTERS

6.1 New Applications: 21/01685/FUL, Yew Tree House, North Rd, SK, erection of extension to front of garage and conversion to habitable accommodation as an annexe, dated 16th Sept'21 – The PC resolved to comment on this application expressing concerns that the application could create a precedent for development in front of the established building line along North Road.

6.2 Planning decision/s rec'd: None

7.0 PARISHIONERS TIME

7.1 Re resident's complaint regarding the newly installed zip-wire in the children's play area, overlooking their back garden – PA reported that he had met with the resident on site to discuss the issue. The PC agreed to obtain a quote to replace the playing field fence, and at the rear of the property, to a height which should prevent children from being able to see over in to the private garden.

7.2 Re Council owned overhanging trees on to parishioner's garden – GB confirmed that these trees had now been cut back satisfactorily. Resolved.

7.3 A group of 3 attendees requested that the PC support residents in addressing the problems caused by vehicles speeding on the village roads. A copy of a typed report, prepared by one of the group, was handed to the PC, outlining the concerns, along with suggestions for going forward. There followed a detailed discussion around various options that could potentially be pursued.

PA hi-lighted that LCC is the decision making body on all traffic matters however the PC assured the group that they would fully support any proposed measures that might help to reduce the very real dangers that existed. PA also reminded everyone that LCC had carried out a speed monitoring exercise a few years ago and it was evident from the results that the majority of speeding culprits were actually South Kilworth residents, rather than passing through traffic.

It was acknowledged however that, since the previous data collection had been carried out, the road situation in SK was now very different, as traffic volume had significantly increased, not least due to the building of new houses in the areas.

Action – the resident group will prepare a letter, addressed to PA, outlining the problem and requesting that action be taken to address. The PC agreed to forward on to LCC, with their full support.

Two of the attendees left the meeting.

8.0 ACCOUNTS/FINANCE MATTERS

8.1 The PC approved the following payments:

Payee	Nett	Vat	Total	Details / Comments
Tina Morley	341.95	0.00	341.95	Expenses re Comm Café Setup, paid 24/09/21, to be deducted from £1.5k grant rec'd from LCC
HDC	837.28	167.46	1,004.74	Grass cutting / Dog Bins
UK Debt Mgmt.	937.32	0.00	937.32	6 mthly loan instalment re V Hall
Purewater Cleaning	15.00	0.00	15.00	Bus Stops x3 - Cleaning

8.2 KB reported on the cash balances held by the Parish Council at 30/09/21, along with bank reconciliation - PC approved.

8.3 PC approved the year to date statement of income and expenditure with comparison to budget for financial year 2021-2022, circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting.

9.0 PARISH COUNCIL PROCEDURES

9.1 Community Emergency Plan update – Discussion to be carried forward to next meeting. Pending.

- 9.2** The PC approved the following amendments to the current Standing Orders:
1. All reference to the allowance of PC meetings being held virtually, to be removed. The government legislation introduced during 2020, allowing virtual meetings to be held due to the coronavirus pandemic, was a temporary measure only, and has now been revoked, as of May 2021.
 2. To remove the requirement for the Clerk to keep a record of all planning applications received for comment as this information is available to all, on the HDC website.
 3. To remove the requirement for the Clerk to report individual quarterly income and expenditure through the year. To retain the requirement for year to date reporting, on a quarterly basis, along with budget comparison.
 4. Year-end accounts, again taking out the mention of 'last quarter' to be reported, retaining year to date figures only.
- Resolved.

10.0 HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

- 10.1** Re 'LCC Highways Members Fund', £25K to be made available to the County – KB reported that a decision from HDC regarding SK's request for financing to be made available for vehicle activated signage to be provided for the village, was expected to be received within the next couple of weeks. Pending.
- 10.2** GB reported that a 30 mph speed sign on Rugby Road was faulty. Action: KB to report to LCC.
- 10.3** An attendee reported that a junction sign on Welford Road was currently unlit. KB to report to LCC.

11.0 VILLAGE IMPROVEMENTS

- 11.1** Proposed training session to be arranged re the use of the defibrillator equipment – PC agreed that TW would forward a notice to SKN for publication in the November edition, detailing dates and times of 2 training sessions to be held in the village hall, Thursdays, 18th and 25th November'21, 7.30pm. Each session will be limited to 10 people, due to covid awareness. Anyone interested in attending should contact the clerk by email, on southkilworthpc@hotmail.co.uk. The notice will also be published on the PC website.
- 11.2** GB reported Elder Trees/Bushes overhanging the bus shelter on Walcote Road were likely to damage the shelter roof. The PC agreed to accept a quote for £400 to have these cut down. Action: GB to instruct the contractor to proceed.
- 11.3** GB reported that two memorial seats positioned at the rear of the village hall were in need of restoration. The PC agreed to accept a quote of £120 for the repairs to be carried out. Action: GB to instruct the contractor to proceed.

12.0 RECREATION

- 12.1** Zip Wire installation in children's play area – PA/KB confirmed that the £6.2k had been received from the CIC, as part funding of the zip wire. The PC agreed to provide a plaque to be displayed on site, acknowledging the funding contribution to the project, as part of the offer conditions set by HDC. Action: PA to arrange the supply of the plaque. KB to prepare the project completion report to be forwarded to HDC.
- 12.2** TW will arrange for Wicksteed to service the zip wire equipment.

13.0 VILLAGE WEBSITE

- 13.1** The upgrading of the Village website – KC (not in attendance) informed the PC by email, that the new website is expected to go live over the next seven days, and that content management training would be arranged for the administrators. Pending.

14.0 FUNDING FROM S106 FUND

- 14.1** Re the formulation of a village consultation regarding future S106 funding – The PC agreed that, due to covid awareness, it would be advisable to wait until 2022 before arranging a full village presentation. The PC planned to discuss, at the next month's meeting, the possibility of carrying out a website survey meantime.

15.0 WAR MEMORIAL CLOCK

- 15.1** Re the marking of the 100th anniversary of the installation of the memorial and the invitation for people to visit and view the clock –The PC agreed for the event to be held on Sat 13th Nov'21, with the tower being open between the hours of 9 and 12 a.m. TW and two volunteers have offered to act as guides on the day. Note, this event is not suitable for children.
- Action: KB to inform those that have already requested to take part in the tour, re confirmed date and times. Anyone who hasn't already been in contact and wishing to visit the tower, please email the parish clerk on southkilworthpc@hotmail.co.uk.
- 15.2** Re previously reported lighting failures in the church tower – KC to contact the PCC re repairs.

16.0 FUNDING FROM THE CIC (EIGHT PARISHES)

- 16.1** Re update on refunding due from CIC of £909.92, re HCYC Spring'21 term – KB confirmed that £1999.04 had been received from the CIC covering both the spring and summer terms.

17.0 SOUTH KILWORTH NEWS

17.1 PA reported that discussions were ongoing with the editorial team regarding ensuring that this very valuable publication can become financially viable and is able to continue.

18.0 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

18.1 The PC acknowledged the email update received from the NP representative on 30th September. Resolved.

19.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

19.1 Rural Community Council - Rural Strategy work for Harborough District Council.

The PC received an email dated 12th Oct, requesting feedback to help the RCC to build and support a community rural strategy, on behalf of HDC. This item to be deferred to next month's meeting for discussion.

19.2 GB raised the condition of the Welford Road after the reservoir, up the hill and down to the Hemploe crossroads – acknowledging that this is outside the Parish and in Northamptonshire. Nonetheless the PC agreed we should raise this matter with NCC as the number and size of the potholes is a real danger. PA to find out who we need to write to and follow up with NCC

20.0 TO CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY, 9TH NOV '21, 7.15 P.M.

All minutes are published on the South Kilworth Website, no later than thirty days from the date of the meeting.



DEFIBRILLATOR & CPR TRAINING EVENINGS

THURSDAY 18th and 25th NOVEMBER

7.30 pm in the VILLAGE HALL.



South Kilworth Parish Council is proposing to hold two CPR & Defibrillator training evenings. These will last approx. 1 hour. Each session will be led by Dr SIMON VINCENT GP and because of Covid, will be restricted to 10 persons.

There are now two defibrillators in the village, located in the phone box and outside the village hall. Many villagers have said they would be hesitant to use them so this is a great chance to learn what to do in an emergency.

If you wish to attend, please contact the Parish Clerk at parishclerk@southkilworth.co.uk

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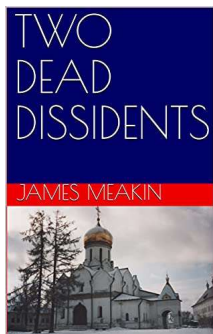
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Meet James Meakin - Author



My name is James Meakin and I have been living in South Kilworth for around a year.

At the start of July, I self-published my debut novel on Amazon, entitled *Two Dead Dissidents*. It is a murder mystery and espionage thriller set in 2023 and 2024 in the United Kingdom, France, Belarus and Russia. Intelligence Corps Captain Daniel Holloway and DCI Len Tidworth of the Metropolitan Police must investigate the murder of two Russian dissidents in London. Their investigation draws them to death threats made against the Paris-based anti-Putin oligarch, Nikolai Travsky.

Two Dead Dissidents takes inspiration from contemporary global social and political issues such as the Skripal poisoning, the 2020 protests in Belarus and the medium-term fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic. The novel's originality is derived from its setting in our constantly in-flux times.

Fans of murder mysteries from the Golden Age of crime fiction will notice many references to this genre. A significant portion of the book is set on board a luxury train between Paris and Moscow – a nod to Agatha Christie's *Murder on the Orient Express*. Most of all, the crime novelists of the 1920s and 1930s were writing during times of great crisis and upheaval such as the aftermath of the First World War and the Great Depression. They provided escapism to a scarred population. *Two Dead Dissidents* hopes to fill a similar role for our current times.



Overall, *Two Dead Dissidents* is a tense yet entertaining story, packed to the brim with unexpected twists and turns. With unusual settings in a unique period of time, my novel is a fresh and enjoyable new take on a well-loved genre. If you enjoy reading my novel, you will be pleased to know there is a sequel already in the pipeline. *Two Dead Dissidents* is available on Amazon in paperback for £7.99 and on Kindle for £3.99.

ST. NICHOLAS' CHURCH



Readers may not be aware, but the Church has to be inspected by a Church-appointed Architect every five years to assess the state of the Church building.

The Quinquennial inspection took place this summer. Unfortunately, the Report came back with rather a lot of work to be undertaken particularly the Chancel roof which needs replacing.

The Church is a Grade II* listed building, and it has some striking Norman and Medieval features and a very unusual memorial clock. The PCC is working hard to maintain it for future generations. It is a place not only for worship and quiet reflection but also for major events in peoples' lives such as weddings, christenings and funerals. Everyone is most welcome to enjoy this historical and tranquil place, whether you have a faith or not. The Church is also an important asset in our village, and it would be a sad day if it were to close.

These are the ways in which you can help keep this beautiful building and grounds open: -

- by attending one of the monthly services
- donate regularly or offer your help or expertise to maintain the building
- join the cleaning/flower rota
- offer any ideas you may have to use the Church in the future e.g., as a meeting venue or village food bank

Any member of the PCC will be most happy to have a chat to you at any time.

PCC Chair: David Hinchley – david.hinchley@gmail.com

PCC Hon. Secretary: Joanna Wilson – joanna.wilson17@btinternet.com

Update on Neighbourhood Plan Groups

Following an open meeting at the end of 2019, various people offered to help set up working groups to look at some of the community proposals in our Village Neighbourhood Plan. The overall responsibility for the plan lies with the Parish Council, but I volunteered to help to get things started. This is my last report, as I have handed the responsibility back to the Parish Council to oversee the groups.

Various groups have met to look at the planned action objectives, despite the challenges due to Covid-19, especially as it has delayed any action by local councils.

UPDATE ON ACTION

Improve parking at the school

This group held meetings with the school and local residents and a variety of proposals were explored, resulting in:

- The layby near the school has had extra tarmac put on it to provide further “drop off” parking at busy times
- This layby should be upgraded but at present, the council have no money to do this - we will keep nagging
- We have got the footpath upgraded from the village hall, via the back of the church to the school. This includes new tarmac, removal of the gate near the church, clearing of vegetation along this pathway, and new dog poo bins. The village hall car park can now be used as a drop-off/and walk to school.
- A school campaign/ parent information is also underway

Improving the facilities at the allotments

- There are plans to get a water supply onto the allotment site
- There is Section 106 money available
- For further details contact: Michael Langman/ Allotment Committee

Supporting “frail elderly” people

- A monthly community pop-up café was proposed - for all ages who are isolated/lonely (older people are offered transport).
- The first café was planned for April 2020 - but due to the Covid -19, was postponed until September this year*
- A successful bid to Leicestershire County Council was secured to fund the café costs
- The group linked to the Covid-19 and Kilworth’s’ Support Group and the North Kilworth’s church café
- A schedule of information for the village was drafted to include groups and activities/contact lists etc. and is now published in SK News, and on the village website (which the Parish Council are upgrading)

Our first successful café was held on September 21*, and more are planned monthly - see separate article. For further details contact: Tina Morley

Improving footpaths /dog walking paths

- Circular walks have been identified from the village, working with the landowners to see if permissive pathways could be developed
- This was put on hold due to Covid
- We now need someone to take this forward? ***Any offers?***
- We also reviewed the potential for a dog walking/ exercise area in the village
- It was suggested that we use the overflow car park at the village hall, once made secure. For further details contact: Beccy Atkins



Photo submitted by Karen Brown

Improving children playground

- Plans have been agreed for a zip wire and other upgrades, using 106 monies
- Further details contact the Parish Council (Tim Wood)

Helping the Parochial Church Council (PCC) make better use of the church

- For further details contact PCC

Helping the Village Hall Committee run the village hall and its facilities

- Section 106 money has been secured along with other grants
- Over £38,500 is still to be spent - see article in May 2021 SK News
- Contact Mark Tottman (Chair of VHC)

Improving the Local Environment

- A SHIRE grant was secured from the county council (LCC) for bird boxes
- 94 new bird boxes were delivered for the village
- See March 2021 SK News

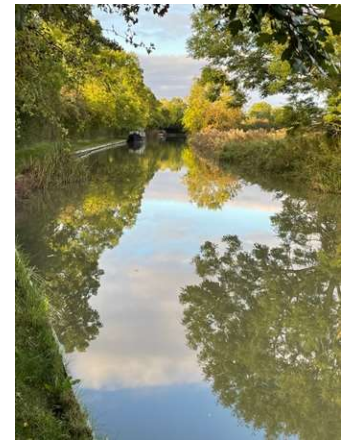


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Supporting small businesses AND reviewing our open spaces /village green

These two groups haven't met (yet??) **Does anyone want to help either of these get going? (We do have a few people willing to help)**

Funding

Due to the new housing development in the village, there is an allocation of money made through Harborough District Council (called Section 106 funding and secured by a levy from the builders). This is available for some of the above projects, but there is a bidding process. There is still around £25,000 available for sports facilities – see the request from PC, for feedback as to what is needed in May SK News. The PC also has limited funds, and there are a variety of local community grants we can apply for.

Tina Morley

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Korks

The September event (organized by Vicky Storey) was a village walk followed by dinner together at the White Hart Pub. Join the Korks group and get information on upcoming activities. (See the Village Directory).



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SAFARI SUPPER – SAT 20th NOVEMBER 2021

The date for this year's Safari Supper has been confirmed as Saturday 20th November. For those of you who haven't taken part before, it is a sociable and fun way to spend the evening. It's the perfect way to meet other people in your village.

It takes the form of an informal dinner party in which each successive course is prepared and eaten at the residence of a different host. This can be anything from soup to lasagne to cheesecake. It can be shop brought or homemade. The important bit is about getting to know others that live near you - not worrying about what food to prepare.

The evening starts at the village hall from 7 pm where the bar will be open for pre-dinner drinks and the location of your first venue will be revealed. Approx. eating times are as follows:

Starter: arrive 8 pm eat at 8.15 pm – It is usual to provide a choice

Main Course: arrive at 9 pm eat at 9.15 pm – Suggest you cook something that can be left in the oven.

Pudding: arrive at 10.15 eat at 10.30 pm – It is usual to provide a choice

Following your safari around the village and dine with different people at each course. The evening ends when we all meet up at the Pub and you will have a chance to catch up with anyone you've missed along the way. If you would like to join in and see what it's all about without cooking, we have a few spaces for non-cooks. But be quick!

I know it can be quite intimidating when joining in on an event like this. Any questions even if you think they are silly, please get in touch with Vicky Storey 07708 382165.

Hope to see you there!

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It was a very successful evening and gave everyone the chance to meet and say hello. The overwhelming opinion of all, was how lovely it is to live in South Kilworth!



Colin Derrick

Bird Watching

Stanford Reservoir

Since my last article, birding at the reservoir has been slow going although, as normal, there are always some goodies to be seen.

Over the summer and into the autumn I have managed to record several Marsh Harriers which are passing through the reservoir. The number of records has increased over the past 5 years perhaps indicating that this scarce bird of prey has been having a better time of it in recent years - the last 2 years we have averaged around 7 sightings per annum at the reservoir.

A visitor from Siberia

On the 12th October, I received a message from the ringing group to say that they had caught a Yellow-browed Warbler. Breakfast was abandoned and I headed down to see the bird before it was released. This was only the 16th record for Northamptonshire, with 7 of these being at Stanford Reservoir. These tiny warblers breed across Russia, extending east from the Urals as far as Kamchatka and south to Afghanistan, northern India and the Sea of Japan. Every autumn they appear well inside Europe in seemingly ever-increasing numbers.

The middle fortnight of October is the peak time for their arrival in Britain, but the first birds often turn up as early as mid-September and the last as late as November. Records in England are mostly along the east coast south to Norfolk and along the south coast with a few birds recorded inland. Through the excellent work of the ringing group Yellow-browed Warbler has been recorded in the last 4 years at the site:

2021 – 12th October
2020 – 22nd September (exceptionally early for an inland site)
2019 – 12th October
2018 – 10th October



Yellow-browed Warbler,
Stanford Reservoir October 2021



Male Brambling, South Kilworth
October 2020

Birds to look out for over the next few weeks

Winter thrushes are now arriving from Scandinavia in large numbers. Redwings are the first to arrive, followed by Fieldfare. There is also a movement of finches at this time of year and one of the more uncommon winter visitors is the Brambling. They are more colourful than the more regular Chaffinch and if you see them in flight, they have a white rump. I have recorded several of the last few winters and they do enjoy sunflower seeds in garden feeders. Another visitor to look out for is the Siskin. Much smaller and daintier than the Greenfinches you often see but similar in colour although the male has a distinctive black crown and bib.

Chris Hubbard

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